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What's Happening in the City of Fairfax

Front Page NEWS



Business News: New Tool Measures Impact of Development

Investors have shown unprecedented interest in redeveloping older and under-utilized properties in the City of Fairfax — and city leaders are mindful that such development often comes with increased demands for public services. As a result, the city has a new tool to help determine the cost benefit of development.

The purchase of a “fiscal impact model” allows local government to estimate the difference between the costs of providing services for new development and the revenues that will be collected as a result. The model may be applied to both residential and commercial development.

With such detailed analysis, the city can more accurately assess potential revenues and expenditures from new development. This is especially important, given the magnitude of planned redevelopment along Fairfax Boulevard.

The model ensures that the City Council has the benefit of this analysis in advance of action on several large project proposals expected to be considered in the future. **Information:** 703-385-7851.



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for new resident information.

Planning the Future of Old Lee Highway

SAVE THE
DATE!

Public Outreach Meeting
Thursday, March 19 @ 7 pm
Sherwood Center

The city requests community participation in the creation of a conceptual plan for Old Lee Highway — and will hold an outreach meeting at 7 p.m. March 19 at Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway.

After the initial outreach meeting, consultants will develop two alternatives, and the city will schedule a second outreach meeting to review and receive comment

on the alternatives. The final result will be a refined conceptual drawing and implementation plan, which the City Council may use should it choose to consider alternatives for the future of Old Lee Highway.

The city received \$60,000 in technical assistance from the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Transportation/Land-Use Connections Program to develop the conceptual plan. **Information:** 703-385-7889.

City Council Begins Budget Review March 3

The city has revised the date for the presentation of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16 to March 3, due to scheduling conflicts. The proposed budget will be available to the public March 1 on the city website and in print from the Finance Office in City Hall. *(Please see revised budget review schedule, right.)*

Citizens are strongly encouraged to review budget materials and provide input at several public hearings. The budget is a detailed description of how taxpayer money is spent in the achievement of the city's goals, and includes the first year of the five-year Capital Improvement Program.

Information: 703-385-7850.

City Council Budget Review Schedule

- March 1: Proposed budget available (*online, in print*)
 - March 3: City manager's presentation of proposed budget, work session discussion
 - March 5: Staff presentations to City Council, public outreach meeting, work session discussion
 - March 10: public hearing, consideration of real estate tax rate to be advertised
 - March 24: public hearing, work session discussion
 - April 7: work session discussion
 - April 14: budget public hearing, real estate tax rate public hearing
 - April 21: public hearing, work session discussion (*tentative*)
 - April 29: public hearing, budget adoption
- Meetings and work sessions are held at City Hall Annex and televised on Cityscreen-12;
see page 5 for schedule and viewing information.
Budget review schedule subject to change.*

City AND Notes

ESC Launches Speaker Series

The Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) has organized a speaker series to promote community conversations on the city's natural resources.

Lectures are offered at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of the month at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway, preceding the ESC monthly meeting.



Lecture topics, which will be posted on the ESC page on the city website (www.fairfaxva.gov/esc), include:

- March 4: *Urban Forests*, Jim McGlone, Virginia Department of Forestry
- May 6: *Streams*, Danielle Wynne, Fairfax County Stormwater Division
- June 3: *Invasive Plants*, Erin Stockschaeder, Fairfax County Park Authority

Information: 703-385-7816.

Safe Assure ID Offered by Appointment March 7

The City of Fairfax Police Department, with the Optimist Club of Central Fairfax, will prepare SafeAssured ID kits for children by appointment from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 7 at the police station, 3730 Old Lee Highway. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7925.

The SafeAssured ID System provides parents with a full-color photo ID card and a mini-CD containing digital fingerprints, photo and video of the child, and vital personal information accessible only by law enforcement.

MSI Offers Permaculture Certification Course March 7-14

The Mason Sustainability Institute (MSI) offers a 72-hour permaculture certification program taught by Wayne Weisman of the Permaculture Project.

Permaculture creates a system of cultivation intended to maintain permanent agriculture or horticulture by relying on

renewable resources and a self-sustaining ecosystem.

The permaculture course is offered from March 7-14 at the Mason Sustainability Institute on George Mason University's Fairfax campus. Cost is \$1,100; lunch is provided on class days. Information and registration: ocpe.gmu.edu/programs/green/permaculture.php, 804-502-4655.

Alert: Scammers Impersonating Fairfax Water Staff

Water customers in the region have reported a new scam: callers impersonating Fairfax Water staff offers customers water discounts. *Fairfax Water does not offer discounted water programs.* Information: www.fairfaxwater.org, 703-698-5800.

City residents who receive this call should hang up immediately — do not provide any information (including account numbers) to the caller. If possible, please note the phone number on Caller ID and report the call immediately to the City of Fairfax Police Department: 703-385-7924.

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The city offers dozens of categories of interest, including government closures, tax payments, special events, safety messages, scheduled and unscheduled road closures, and more. Messages are sent via e-mail, text or telephone. Enroll today: visit www.fairfaxva.gov/fairfaxcityalert.



Tax Prep Assistance Available from City, AARP, IRS

The Office of the Commissioner of the Revenue provides qualified city residents with free assistance preparing and filing federal, state and estimated tax returns through

April 14 in City Hall. To make an appointment, call 703-385-7880.

AARP TaxAide provides free federal tax return assistance low- and moderate-income persons of any age at multiple drop-in locations throughout the area: 888-OUR-AARP.

The IRS offers Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (**VITA**) for low-income taxpayers: 800-906-9887. VITA also provides free tax help to military personnel and their families. Additionally, the IRS offers Tax Counseling for the Elderly (**TCE**), which provides free assistance for taxpayers age 60 and older: 800-906-9887.

City Monitors I-66 Transformation Project

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) continues to advance its project to expand the portion of Interstate 66 between Haymarket and the Capital Beltway. VDOT held public meetings in early February and continues to solicit feedback.

The Mayor and City Council have been briefed on the project; the city continues to monitor the project. Information: transform66.org, 800-367-7623.

Parade Applications Due April 1

Join friends, family, civic and business groups: march in the city's Independence Day Parade July 4. Applications, which are due April 1, are available on the city website. Volunteers also are sought to assist during the event. Information: 703-385-7858.

Don't Wait — Use NextBus Today

CUE Bus riders, shorten your wait time with real-time arrival information, courtesy of NextBus. The app is available for iOS and Android platforms.

No smartphone? No problem: visit www.NextBus.com via computer or mobile device.

CUE Bus runs seven days a week — and is free for Mason students, faculty and staff. Information: 703-385-7859.

City's Real Property Tax Base Increases 1.81 Percent in 2015

The city's real property tax base is projected to increase by about 1.81 percent for 2015. Equalization makes up 1.13 percent of this increase, while 0.68 percent is attributable to growth and new construction. This increase reflects improved market conditions in the residential sector, but also a commercial sector, which remains generally stagnant.

Real estate assessment notices, which will be mailed in mid-March, will reflect an overall projected increase of about \$100 million in assessed value.

Residential assessments, which constitute roughly 63 percent of all assessments, will increase by about 3 percent overall this year, not including growth and new construction.

Existing single-family property assessments are expected to increase 2.6 percent on average, ranging from -5 percent in certain neighborhoods to as much as +11 percent in others. Residential condominiums are expected to increase 5.3 percent on average, ranging from 0 percent to +10 percent, depending on the neighborhood. Townhomes are expected to increase 3.9 percent on average, ranging from 0 percent to +11 percent, depending on the neighborhood.

Overall, commercial real estate assessments, which constitute roughly 37 percent of all assessments, are projected to decrease 1.89 percent, not including growth and new construction. Average assessments will change for specific property types, including free-standing office buildings (-5 percent) and commercial condominiums (-6 percent), while other property types will reflect little or no change including retail, industrial flex/warehouse, and multi-family. Vacant commercial land is projected to remain level with 2014.

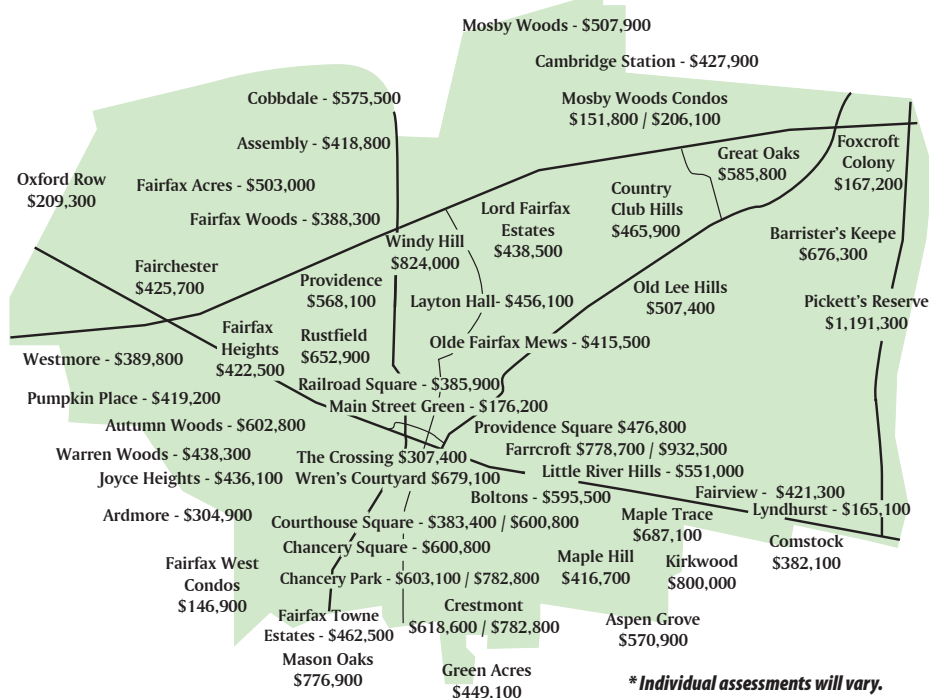
Commercial and residential development, newly constructed homes, and residential and commercial renovations have added an estimated \$38 million to the property tax base for 2015.

Revenues projected from real estate assessments are central to the city's annual budget. The City Council will set the 2015 tax rate during the budget process, which continues through April 29. The tax rate determines the amount of real estate taxes paid for the calendar year.

Real estate assessments, made each year, are effective January 1. Virginia law requires that the assessed value of real property reasonably reflect fair market value as indicated

See Assessments, page 4

2015 Projected Average Residential Assessments*



*Individual assessments will vary.



Shredding Events March 21

City residents may receive free shredding services at Fairfax County's document shredding events. Events are planned throughout 2015 for residential use only. Residents may bring up to five medium-sized boxes for shredding from 8 a.m. to noon March 21 at Mason District Governmental Center, 6507 Columbia Pike, Annandale.

Information: 703-324-5230.

Rain Barrel Workshop to be Held April 11

Attend the *Build Your Own Rain Barrel Workshop* from 10 a.m. to noon April 11 at Green Acres Community Center, 4401 Sideburn Road. Participants will build and take home their own rain barrel that day, and will learn how to care for and maintain the barrel. The cost of is \$55. Space is limited and registration is required at www.arlingtonenvironment.org/be-green/live-green/barrel/.

Information: 703-324-1428.

2015 Spring Cleanup Day Set for April 25

April is Fairfax's Spring Cleanup Month, and the city provides services to assist with spring cleaning — including Spring Cleanup Day, where individuals or groups choose a neighborhood or public area to clean. The city provides trash bags and collects the used ones on Spring Cleanup Day, which this year is April 25.

Choose a park, roadside, creek bed, historic property or other area that needs your attention. Be sure to obtain permission from the property owners, such as the city or community association, before beginning clean-up day.

INFORMATION: 703-385-7837

City Provides Real Estate Tax Relief, Rent Relief

The City of Fairfax provides real estate tax and rent relief for senior citizens and city residents with permanent and total disabilities.

Qualified homeowners may choose basic tax relief (full or partial tax relief), tax deferral, tax freeze; or combination tax freeze and deferral.

Under the current real estate tax relief program, the combined gross household income limit is \$72,000 and the net asset limit is \$340,000. Different levels of real estate tax relief are granted on a sliding scale based on income.

Applications are available online on the city website and from the Finance Department, Room 312 in City Hall. Information: 703-359-2486.

Tax/rent relief program qualifications, including the benefit and income limits, are determined during the fiscal year budget hearings, which occur each spring.

Virginia offers a real estate tax exemption for the primary residence of certain disabled veterans and/or surviving spouses. Information: 703-359-2486.

Assessments

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by recent sales, and that it be equitable with the assessments placed on comparable properties.

Beginning this year assessment notices will reflect a revised format as required by Va. Code Section 58.1-3330, which was amended in 2014. Assessment notices must now include assessed value and tax levy information for the current and two prior years. Further information regarding the format change for 2015 will be included with the mailed notice.

Real estate assessment and sales information, as well as appeal forms, instructions, and other information are accessible 24 hours a day on the city website.

Information: 703-385-7840.

Fairfax Boulevard Widening Commences

Construction begins this spring on phase two of the Fairfax Boulevard improvements expansion between Bevan Drive and Jermantown Road. This will:

- provide a third westbound lane on Fairfax Boulevard from Bevan Drive to Jermantown Road;
- widen northbound Jermantown Road to allow for two through lanes;
- provide a dual right turn lane, through lane, and left turn lane on southbound Jermantown Road; and
- replace span-wire signals with mast arm signals at both Fairfax Boulevard/Jermantown Road and Fairfax Boulevard/Bevan Drive.



This is expected to reduce congestion in the vicinity, particularly during evening rush hour.

Phase two construction should last through spring 2016, after which landscaping work will commence. Information: 703-385-7810.

Old Town Square Takes Shape



As the pergola and interactive fountain are constructed, Old Town Square takes shape. The city will dedicate this new space May 2 (please note date change). Look for details in the Cityscene, on the city website and Cityscreen-12. (Photo by Joanna Ormesher, City of Fairfax)

Volunteers Sought for Advisory Boards

- Board of Architectural Review (one vacancy)
- Board of Equalization of Real Estate Assessments (one vacancy)
- Commission for Women (one vacancy)
- Commission on the Arts (one vacancy)
- Community Appearance Committee (one vacancy)
- Environmental Sustainability Committee (one vacancy)
- Northern Virginia Workforce Investment Board (one vacancy)
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (one vacancy)

Applications will be considered at an upcoming City Council meeting following submission. Unless otherwise noted, city residency is required. Submit letters of interest and résumé (if available) to City Clerk Melanie Crowder. Vacancies are subject to change. Prospective applicants who represent diverse or minority groups are especially encouraged to apply. Information: 703-385-7935.



CITYSCREEN SCHEDULE

The Fairfax Scene

Highlights from the 2015 Chocolate Lovers Festival

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm through March 14

Civil War Historians Don Hakenson and Eric Buckland give insights into Mosby and his men. The 2013 re-enactment of Mosby's Raid follows the lectures.

Daily: 2 pm, 6 pm beginning March 15

Archived online: "special programming"

Available on city's YouTube channel

School Board

Monday, March 2, 7:30 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, March 3, 10 am

Thursday, March 5, 10 am

Monday, March 16, 10 am, 7 pm

Tuesday, March 17, 10 am, 7 pm

Thursday, March 19, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 3

City Council

Work session: Tuesday, March 3, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, March 4, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 6, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 7, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 8, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 4

Budget presentations and community outreach meeting: Thursday, March 5, 6 pm, LIVE replays:

Wednesday, March 18, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 20, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 21, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 22, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 6

Meeting: Tuesday, March 10, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, March 11, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 13, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 14, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 15, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 11

OnDEMAND March 18

Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Wednesday, March 25, 10 am, 7 pm

Friday, March 27, 10 am, 7 pm

Saturday, March 28, 10 am, 7 pm

Sunday, March 29, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 25

OnDEMAND April 1

Planning Commission

Monday, March 9, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, March 10, 10 am

Thursday, March 12, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 10

Monday, March 23, 7 pm, LIVE

replays:

Tuesday, March 24, 10 am

Thursday, March 26, 10 am, 7 pm

Archived online March 24

Road to Recovery

Series produced by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services deals with many topics related to addiction, treatment and recovery

10 am, 7 pm on days when meetings/replays are not scheduled.

View select charrette presentations on the city's YouTube Channel!

Proposed Agendas: School Board, City Council, Planning Commission

School Board

(Information: 703-385-7910)

March 2 regular meeting

- Spotlight on Learning: Fairfax High School Reading Buddies.
- Student representative report.
- Presentation on Lanier Middle School.

March 16 work session

- Review student panel questions.
- Closed meeting to complete school superintendent's review and evaluation.

City Council

(Information: 703-385-7935)

March 3 work session

- City manager's presentation of the City of Fairfax proposed budget and CIP for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Discussion of possible economic development incentives for businesses.
- Discussion of city communication media.

March 5 work session and public outreach meeting

- Presentations by city staff on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Discussion of City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.

March 10 regular meeting

- Public hearing on City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Consideration of the maximum real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2015-16 to be advertised. *(This action sets the maximum real estate tax rate that can be adopted as part of the fiscal year 2015-16 budget. This action does not set the actual real estate tax rate for fiscal year 2015-16.)*
- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit and special exceptions for Lotte Plaza, 3250 Old Lee Highway.
- Public hearing on a request by AT&T for a special use permit to install telecommunication device on the Fairfax Building, 10555 Main Street.
- Public hearing on a request by AT&T for a special use permit to install telecommunication device at 10301 Democracy Lane.
- Public hearing on a zoning text amendment amending City Code pertaining to storm drainage facilities.
- Public hearing on a zoning text amendment amending City Code pertaining to the floodplain.

March 24 regular meeting

- Public hearing on City of Fairfax proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16.
- Public hearing on a request for a special exception for a fence in required front yard at Northern Virginia Auto Body, 3160 Roanoke Street.
- Public hearing on a request for a special use permit to allow temporary car storage at Northfax, 10508 Orchard Street/3580 Chain Bridge Road.

Planning Commission

(Information: 703-385-7930)

March 9 regular meeting

- Review of Chapter 4 of the Fairfax Boulevard Master Plan.

March 23 regular meeting

- Public hearing on a zoning text amendment to the Residential Planned Development District.
- Public hearing on a request for a zoning map amendment from Residential Multifamily to Residential Planned Development and special exceptions to allow for redevelopment of the Oak Knolls apartment complex, 10758-10782 Main Street.

Please note: proposed agendas, meeting information subject to change. Please confirm prior to the meeting: information will be available on the city website or by phone at the numbers listed above.



City Council Reporter

January 13, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously: Consideration of a resolution establishing a towing advisory board pursuant to Virginia Code Section 46.2-1217 for the purpose of advising the City Council with respect to the terms of a contract for police-requested towing services; Consideration of a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Fairfax and the Fairfax 2015 World Police & Fire Games for the use of certain city venues and property in connection with the events.
- Approved, 5-1, consideration of a resolution approving the Roberts Road Pedestrian Improvements project contingent on receipt of FY16 Revenue Sharing funds. (*Opposed: Councilmember Loftus.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, a request for renewal of special use permit to allow dancing and entertainment as uses ancillary to a restaurant (Red Zone Grill) in the C-2(p) Retail Commercial and Old Town Fairfax Transition Overlay Districts at 10560 Main Street (Mosby Building), subject to conditions.
- Approved, unanimously, an appropriation resolution in an amount of \$25,500 to fund the World Police and Fire Games (WPFG) Cycling Criterium and Muster.
- Approved, unanimously, ordinances authorizing the initiation of "quick-take" condemnation proceedings for the acquisition of various public street dedications and/or easements in connection with the Northfax project: 10530 Fairfax Boulevard, 3580-3590 Chain Bridge Road, 3570 Chain Bridge Road, 3575 Chain Bridge Road, 10470 Fairfax Boulevard, 10480 Fairfax Boulevard, 10460 Fairfax Boulevard, 10450 Fairfax Boulevard, 10334-10412 Fairfax Boulevard, 10300 Eaton Place, 10579 Fairfax Boulevard, 10565 Fairfax Boulevard, 10521 Fairfax Boulevard, 3600 Chain Bridge Road, 10485 Fairfax Boulevard, 10325 Fairfax Boulevard, and 10300 Eaton Place.

Actions out of closed meeting/Appointments to Boards and Commissions

- Reappointed Frank Franz to the Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Advisory Council.
- Appointed Kerry Vornadore as a full member to the Board of Building Code Appeals.
- Reappointed Paul Cunningham as the Planning Commission Representative on the Board of Architectural Review and Janet Jaworski as the Planning Commission Representative on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board.
- Reaffirmed Council appointments to Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Subcommittees: Councilmember Meyer, Councilmember Greenfield (alternate), Board of Directors; Councilmember Meyer, Councilmember Greenfield (alternate), Transportation Planning Board; Councilmember DeMarco, Councilmember Loftus (alternate), Metropolitan Air Quality Committee; Councilmember Greenfield, Metropolitan Development Policy Committee; Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Schmidt (alternate), Human Services & Public Safety Policy; Wendy Block-Sanford and David Summers, Technical Committee to Transportation Planning Board; Councilmember DeMarco, Aviation Policy Committee; Councilmember Miller, Climate, Energy and Environment Policy Committee; Councilmember Meyer, Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee.

January 27, 2015

Consent agenda

- Approved, unanimously, initiation of a zoning text amendment amending City Code pertaining to storm drainage facilities; and initiation of a zoning text amendment amending City Code pertaining to the floodplain. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)

Public hearings

- Approved, unanimously, the requests for special exceptions to allow a ground-mounted shopping center identification sign to identify the names of individual tenants and be located closer than 10 feet from the front property line and to allow a United States flag to exceed the maximum allowable flag size of 24 square feet, in the C-2 Retail Commercial District and Highway Corridor Overlay District (HCOD) at 9940 Fairfax Boulevard (Fairfax Boulevard Crossing), with conditions. (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)

Items not requiring a public hearing

- Approved, by a vote of 5-0, a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute the following sewer billing agreement between the City of Fairfax, Virginia and the Fairfax County Water Authority, provided that the agreement and any amendments are acceptable to the city manager and approved as to form by the city attorney. (*Councilmember Loftus stated at the subsequent February 10, 2015 regular City Council meeting that she would have voted in opposition on January 27, 2015, had there been a call for nay votes.*) (*Mayor Silverthorne was absent.*)

Information Resources

City website

www.fairfaxva.gov

24-hour access, updates

Cityscreen-12

Channel 12 on cable television
and city website

24-hour access, updates

Fairfax City Alert message system

messages sent to subscribers
via e-mail, pager, text and phone
24-hour access, updates

City newsline

703-273-1776

recorded information
24-hour access, updates

General Information

703-385-7855 (TTY: 711)
regular business hours

Community Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Proposed budget for fiscal year 2015-16 available — see page 1 Main Street Community Band: "The Gang's All Here," 4 pm, Sidney Lanier Middle School	2 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall LIVE 12 School Board meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	3 LIVE 12 City Council work session, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Board of Zoning Appeals meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	4 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Environmental Sustainability Committee Speaker Series: Urban Forests, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (regular ESC meeting follows)	5 LIVE 12 City Council proposed budget work session and public outreach meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex City of Fairfax Democratic Committee meeting, 7:30 pm, City Hall Annex	6 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) City of Fairfax Theatre Company: Doubt: A Parable, 3950 University Drive	7 SafeAssured ID program, 10 am to 3 pm, City of Fairfax Police Station (reservations required: 703-385-7925) City of Fairfax Theatre Company: Doubt: A Parable, 3950 University Drive
8 Second Sunday Series: The Suffrage Prisoners at Occoquan Workhouse, 2 pm, Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center City of Fairfax Theatre Company: Doubt: A Parable, 3950 University Drive	9 LIVE 12 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	10 LIVE 12 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	11 Economic Development Authority meeting, 6 pm, Mason Enterprise Center Historic Fairfax City, Inc. meeting, 7 pm, Historic Blenheim Spotlight on the Arts Steering Committee meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center	12 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex Fairfax Art League Reception (featuring Sara Harland), 7 pm, Old Town Hall	13 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Potomac Accordion Ensemble, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	14 Fairfax Symphony Orchestra, 8 pm, GMU Harris Theater
15 Opening of "An Artist's Story: Civil War Drawings of Edwin Forbes" at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center — Exhibit on display through October 14	16 Old Town Hall Children's Performance Series, 10:30 am, Old Town Hall School Board work session, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School	17 Commission on the Arts meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Commission for Women meeting, 7:15 pm, City Hall	18 Board of Architectural Review meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	19 Friday Morning Music Club, 11 am, Old Town Hall Old Lee Highway "Great Street" outreach meeting, 7 pm, Sherwood Center Independence Day Celebration Committee, 7 pm, City Hall	20 Yard sale donation drop-off, 4-7 pm, Green Acres Center Sherwood Cinema Series: Disney's Bears, 7 pm, Sherwood Center (donations accepted for Our Daily Bread) Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department)	21 IDCC Yard Sale, 8 am to 1 pm, Green Acres Center Appraisal Event, 10 am to 12:30 pm, Sherwood Center "The Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, October 1864," 2 pm, Historic Blenheim Swing Dance, 8 pm (free lessons at 7:30 pm), Sherwood Center
22 Virginia Opera: La Traviata, 8 pm, Center for the Arts	23 LIVE 12 Planning Commission meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	24 LIVE 12 City Council meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	25	26 Community Appearance Committee meeting, 7 pm, City Hall Annex	27 Bingo, 7 pm, Fire Station 3 (benefits the Fairfax Volunteer Fire Department) Lyric Impact — Flute & Mallets, 8 pm, Old Town Hall	28 City of Fairfax Band: Give Our Regards to Broadway, 7:30 pm, Fairfax High School
29	30	31	Events at George Mason University, including concerts and student activities, may affect traffic in the city. Information: today.gmu.edu, 703-993-1056	<div> HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS City Government Information 703-385-7855 City News and Events 703-273-1776 Arts and Cultural Events 703-352-ARTS City of Fairfax Regional Library 703-293-6227 Civil War Interpretive Center 703-591-0560 Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center 703-385-8414 George Mason University Events 703-993-1056 Calendar information is subject to last-minute change. </div>		



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City Happenings

Suffrage, Virginia Civil War Battles Explored in March

Learn about *The Suffrage Prisoners at Occoquan Workhouse* at 2 p.m. March 8 at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center, 10209 Main Street. **Information:** 703-385-8414.

Find out more about *The Richmond-Petersburg Campaign, October 1864* at 2 p.m. March 21 at the Civil War Interpretive Center at Historic Blenheim, 3610 Old Lee Highway. **Information:** 703-591-0560.

Edwin Forbes' Drawings on Exhibit Beginning March 15

Edwin Forbes was a soldier armed not with a weapon, but with a pen. The young artist went to war in 1862 with the Bohemian Brigade to bring the images of the American Civil War to the public. See dozens of his pen and ink drawings with his own descriptions of each.

An Artist's Story: Civil War Drawings by Edwin Forbes will be exhibited at the Fairfax Museum and Visitor Center from March

15 through October 14, courtesy of the Virginia Historical Society. **Information:** 703-385-8414.

Vendor Applications Accepted for City Events

The City of Fairfax food vendors for the Independence Day celebration July 4, and craft and food vendors for the Fall Festival October 10 and the Holiday Craft Show November 21-22.

Applications, available on the city's website, are due March 12. **Information:** 703-385-7858.

Sherwood Cinema Series Continues March 20

Catch *Disney's Bears* for free March 20 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center, 3740 Old Lee Highway. Lights go down at 7 p.m. and participants may bring their own snacks. **Information:** 703-385-7858. From 7-9 p.m., Our Daily Bread will accept non-perishable food items. A list of suggested items is available on the city website.

IDCC Holds Yard Sale March 21; Items Sought

The Independence Day Celebration Committee will hold an indoor yard sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. March 21 at Green Acres Center — and seeks donated items.

These items will be accepted for the yard sale from 4-8 p.m. March 20 in the Green Acres Center cafeteria: children's clothes, toys, bikes, computers, furniture and household linens. *Please, no adult-size clothing or cloth-covered sofas.* Proceeds will benefit the city's 2015 Independence Day celebration set for July 4. **Information:** 703-385-7949.

Appraisal Event on March 21

Receive verbal appraisals from a certified appraiser (gemologist or generalist) on family heirlooms at the Appraisal Event from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. March 21 at the Stacy C. Sherwood Community Center. Cost is \$5 for admission, \$5 for each appraisal (limit three) and, upon (one free) readmission, \$5 per each appraisal (limit three). Proceeds benefit Young at Heart Senior Center. **Information:** 703-273-6090.